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SUBJECT: FRG INTEREST IN US-SAUDI RELATIONS

1. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON ON APRIL 1, FRG MINISTER COUNSELOR WOLFF ASKED ABOUT QUOTE RUMORS UNQUOTE THAT U.S. AND SAUDI ARABIA HAD WORKED OUT A NEW TREATY ARRANGEMENT FOR FUTURE COOPERATION, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS. ATHERTON SAID NO TREATY HAD BEEN CONCLUDED, BUT NOTED THAT WITH THE LIFTING OF THE OIL EMBARGO, THE U.S. IS TRYING TO PICK UP ON THINGS LEFT IN SUSPENSE, AND TO SEEK WAYS TO BROADEN U.S.-SAUDI COOPERATION, WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN EXTENSIVE IN MANY FIELDS. ATHERTON ASSURED WOLFF, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. IS NOT ARRANGING A BILATERAL OIL FOR TECHNOLOGY DEAL; U.S. VIEWS IN THIS RESPECT HAVE NOT CHANGED. IN RESPONSE WOLFF'S QUERY WHETHER ANYTHING NEW INVOLVED, ATHERTON TOLD WOLFF THAT VARIOUS MATTERS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE SAUDIS, AND THAT THE U.S. WILL KEEP THE FRG AND OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS BUT IT PREMATURE TO SAY ANYMORE AT THIS TIME. RUSH

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